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Booker T. Washington Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University
Creator	Washington, Booker T., 1856-1915
Title	Booker T. Washington Collection
Date [inclusive]	1885-1914
Extent	1.0 Linear foot
Language	English

Biographical/Historical note

Booker T. Washington	
1856 April 5	Born a slave on a plantation Franklin County, Va., to an illiterate mother and white father.
1872-1875	Went to Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute; studied brick masonry along with collegiate courses.
1876	Graduated from Hampton; taught in a rural school for two years.
1878-79	Studied at Wayland Seminary in Washington, D.C. Became convinced that practical manual training in rural skills and crafts would save his race.
1879	Taught and supervised 100 American Indians admitted to Hampton Institute on an experimental basis.
1881-1915	Organizer and President of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. With the help of his students he built a kiln to make blocks to be used for campus buildings.
1832	Married Fannie McKinney who died 1384; had one child from this union.
1885	Married second wife, Olivia A. Davidson; died 1888; had two sons by her.
1893	Married third wife, Maggie J. Murray.
1895	Gave famous "Atlanta Compromise" speech - urged blacks to concentrate on improving job skills and their usefulness instead of pushing for political and social rights.
1896	Won honorary A.M. degree from Harvard University.
1900	Founded National Negro Business League.
1902	Received LL. D. from Dartmouth College.
1915 Nov. 14	Died.

Scope Note

This collection of letters and articles is contained in one box measuring 1 linear foot and spans the years 1885-1914. It includes letters from Booker T. Washington to George Washington Cable (photostats), Honorable Louis C. Cramton, Judson Lyons and others, and three manuscript articles about Washington written by Ruth Rugby. There is also an autograph of Booker T. Washington.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Publications by Booker T. Washington

Black Belt Diamonds, selections from his speeches arranged by Mrs. V. E. Matthews (1898)

The Future of the American Negro (1899)

Sewing and Reaping (1900)

Up from Slavery (1901)

Character Building (1902)

Frederick Douglass (1907)

The Negro in Business (1907)

The Story of the Negro (1909)

My Larger Education (1911)

The Man Farthest Down (1912) - co-authored with R. E. Park.

Tuskegee and Its People (1905)

Series A: Letters

Collection Inventory

Series A: Letters

Series Note

Letters written by Booker T. Washington to such notables as George Washington Cable Hon. Louis C. Cramton, Judson Lyons and others. The correspondence to George Washington Cable are photostats donated to the collection in 1956 by a scholar then writing his dissertation.

	Box	Folder
Cable, George Washington (photostats)	1	1
Letters - Clapp, E.C.	1	2
Letters - Cramton, L.C.	1	3
Letters - Harris, W. T.	1	4
Letters - Jones, Frederick C. (photostats)	1	5
Letters - Lyons, Judson W.	1	6
Letters - Ruffin (Mrs.)	1	7
Letters - Stern, Joseph J.	1	8

Series B: Autograph

Letters - other correspondents	1	9
Series B: Autograph Series Note An autograph of Booker T. Washington.		
	Box	Folder
Booker T. Washington - autograph	1	10
Series C: Manuscripts Series Note Three manuscript articles about Booker T. Washington written by Ruth Rugby.		
	Box	Folder
Stories by Ruth Rugby	1	11